

COUNCIL BRIEFS

February 10, 2017

DPW battles the blizzard: The Dept. of Public Works' plan of attack for the 2017 blizzard began at 2:00 AM on Thursday, February 9th when crews began pre-treating the roads. All DPW trucks were deployed to maintain main roads during the height of the storm's 2-3 inch per hour snow fall. By 12 PM, all available resources (town and contractors) had been deployed to keep pace with the accumulating snow. All roads were cleared and passable by 11 PM Thursday, February 9th, 8 hours after the accumulating snow had stopped.

A total of 16 inches fell in town. At 1 AM Friday, February 9th, crews went back out to push back snow even further with the anticipation of additional 2-4 inch of snow that is expected Friday into Saturday. Post storm clean-up work will continue into next week.

Paine's Refuse & Recycling was able to collect 80% of Thursday's route, with the remainder collected on Friday. Friday's route was collected as scheduled.

2017 Children's Charity Ball surpasses goal:

The Bridge Family Center is proud to announce that the 2017 Children's Charity Ball netted over \$247,000. The Children's Charity Ball is The Bridge's signature fundraiser that supports critical programming for children and families, including mental health counseling and substance-abuse prevention efforts. The black-tie gala event was held on January 21, 2017 at the Hartford Golf Club. Thank you to all the supporters and sponsors.

Noah Webster House sponsors The

Connecticut Spelling Bee: The Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society will co-present a state-wide spelling bee with the nation's oldest continuously published newspaper, the *Hartford Courant*. Hosted by the University of Saint Joseph on Saturday, March 25, 2017, the Connecticut Spelling Bee will include students from all over the state.

The overall winner of the Connecticut Spelling Bee will represent the state on the national stage in Washington, D.C. This year's competition will include 37 students from 27 towns across the state. Participating students in grades 4 through 8 have already won their school or town-wide spelling bees.

Flu Season is here: The Flu is a contagious disease that can be serious. As the flu season progresses, it's important to remember what actions to take to protect yourself and others from the flu. The Centers for Disease Control recommends a three-step approach to fight the flu. They are:

1. Take time to get a flu vaccine. The West Hartford/Bloomfield Health District still has flu vaccine available. Call 860-561-7900. The Health District accepts most public and private health insurance for payment.
2. Take everyday preventive actions to stop the spread of germs.
3. Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

Learn more about how you can fight the flu this season on the ["Flu and You" web page](#)

CDBG Public Hearings: As part of the Town of West Hartford's application to HUD for Community Development Block Grant funding, public hearings were held on February 7 and 8 to receive community comment.

It is anticipated that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be allocating approximately \$845,000.00 in CDBG funds to the Town of West Hartford. These funds are to be appropriated within West Hartford's FY 2017-2018 budget. CDBG activities must provide a benefit principally to low-mod income persons.

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